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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 17 June 1986 HPSCI Briefing

CIA Briefers:

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Congressmen Present:

Hamilton, Brown, Dwyer, Kastenmeier,  
McHugh, Cheney, Ireland, McEwen,  
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Subjects Briefed:

USSR: Gorbachev Speech to the  
Central Committee  
South Africa: Update on Situation  
Philippines: Recent Political  
Developments  
Libya: Qadhafi's Position After  
the Airstrike  
El Salvador: Recent Developments  
on Human Rights  
Panama: Background on Noriega

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Questions Answered:

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Hamilton

Does Noriega call the shots Yes. No question  
in Panama? about it.

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Kastenmeier

Latest on Libya/Sudan, Libya/ Libyans are  
Chad? aggressively work-  
ing in Sudan. In  
Chad, Libyans are  
mostly reacting to  
actions by France and  
Habre.

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Anything more on Angola?

Not much. Three  
brigades are still  
moving around.  
Relatively little  
other activity.  
South Africans may  
take opportunity to  
strike.

Ireland

Can you provide an update  
on Iran/Iraq War and  
developments in Syria/Iraq  
reconciliation?

Both would benefit  
from a reconcilia-  
tion--particularly  
from economic stand-  
point. Iraq and  
Syria have tried to  
get together in the  
past. Iraq would  
like Iran isolated.

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Impression is that  
overall, things are  
moving very slowly.

Cheney

Where are oil prices going?

Will get back.  
Prices appear to have  
stabilized with  
perhaps some gradual  
rise likely over  
time.

What is latest on Mexico?

De la Madrid clearly  
is putting pressure  
on US for help.  
Mexicans would have a  
difficult time  
abiding by any IMF  
agreement.

Does de la Madrid have the  
power to deal with economic  
problems?

Probably doesn't want  
to adopt the appro-  
priate policies  
because they would be  
politically painful.

Are Soviets 10 years ahead  
in space program?

Probably are ahead  
in some areas.

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McHugh

Anything on whether Cardinal O'Conner is succeeding in getting hostages released?

Seems to be gaining little. Difficult to get to talk to the right people in Lebanon.

What is the political fallout over US statement on drug trafficking by Mexican officials?

It varies. Lots of honest Mexicans in bureaucracy who are frustrated by such statements. Not much impact on most common Mexicans. 25X1

McEwen

What percent of Mexican debt is held by US banks?

Probably about 50 percent. 25X1

What if de la Madrid declares a moratorium?

He probably will not do it. Lots of countries would try to help out. 25X1

Brown

Can we have a briefing on Vandenburg accident, and the commission investigating it? Would personally like such a briefing.

Yes.

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